

**12A.08.020 Property destruction**

- A. A person is guilty of property destruction if he or she:
  - 1. Intentionally damages the property of another; or
  - 2. Writes, paints, or draws any inscription, figure, or mark of any type on any public or private building or other structure or any real or personal property owned by any other person.
- B.
  - 1. It is an affirmative defense to property destruction under subsection 12A.08.020.A.1 that the actor reasonably believed that he had a lawful right to damage such property.
  - 2. It is an affirmative defense to property destruction under subsection 12A.08.020.A.2 that the actor had obtained express permission of the owner or operator of the building, structure, or property.
- C. Property destruction is a gross misdemeanor.

(Ord. 123191, § 4, 2009; Ord. 118106 , § 1, 1996; Ord. 114635 , § 3, 1989; Ord. 102843 , § 12A.08.020, 1973.)